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SUBJECT: PRESS PUBLISHED AMBASSADOR'S COMMUNIQUE AND BACKTRACKS  
ON SOME CIA ACCUSATIONS; OTHER INFORMATION

REF: (A) LIMA 1073 (B) LIMA 1076

1. SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9 LIMA NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AMBASSADOR DEAN'S DENIAL (REF B) THAT USG WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN FEBRUARY 5-6 DISTURBANCES AND BACKTRACKED ON SOME OF ITS UNTENABLE CHARGES AGAINST CIA. OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING LIMA'S DISORDERS ALSO BECAME AVAILABLE. (NOTE: IN AN EMBASSY ERROR, REF A REPORTED RIOT DAMAGES TOTALLED AN ESTIMATED 270 MILLION DOLLARS; FIGURE SHOULD HAVE BEEN 27 MILLION DOLLARS.)

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED LA CRONICA FEATURES COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRO-GOVERNMENT MASS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING CNA (CAMPEÑINOS), CONACI (INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES), AND THE THREE LABOR CENTRALS: CTRP (GOVERNMENT), CGTP (COMMUNIST) AND CNT (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS). IN ORDER TO DEFEND REVOLUTION, THESE  
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GROUPS, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT

FOUR MILLION PERUVIANS, ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION, HELP ESTABLISH ORDER AND EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT PERUVIAN REALITIES. THEIR COMMUNIQUE ACCUSES APRA AND CIA OF TRYING TO "DESTABILIZE" PERUVIAN REVOLUTION AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS. ON PAGE 2, AMBASSADOR DEAN'S COMMUNIQUE IS PUBLISHED WITH HEADING, "CIA DID NOT INTERVENE ACCORDING TO U.S. AMBASSADOR". APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIA CIVIL GENERAL OLIVARES AS DEPT Y DIRECTOR IS ALSO ANNOUNCED (OLIVARES, WHO WAS A TOP GC OFFICIAL AND WHO SUPPORTED GC STRIKE DEMANDS, WAS SHUNTED ASIDE AS PRISON COMMANDER. HIS RETURN AS GC DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPRESENTS A MILGOV CONCESSION.) PAGE 3 INCLUDES CHARGES AGAINST UNITED PRESS BY ENERGY AND MINES MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO. UPI IS ACCUSED OF "INFLATED" REPORTING ON THE RIOTS. UPI IS ALSO TAKEN TO TASK IN A PEDRO ROJAS (PSEUDONYM) EDITORIAL COLUMN. ROJAS COLUMN REVERSES ITSELF CONCERNING CHARGES THAT THE CIA INFILTRATED THE MIDDLE RANKS OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL (REF A). ROJAS CLAIMS THERE WAS A MISPRINT AND THAT NO FOREIGN ORGANIZATION HAS LINKS WITH THE PATRIOTIC GUARDIA CIVIL. CRONICA'S VIRULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN EDITORIAL CARTOONIST LUMEN LEAVES THE U.S. OUT OF HIS WEEKLY SUNDAY DRAWING, WHICH DEPICTS A GIANT THUG TRAMPLING ON LIMA WHILE A POLITICIAN LABELLED APRA-ULTRA (I.E. ULTRA-LEFTIST) RIDES PIGGY-BACK. IT IS AS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR LUMEN NOT TO TAKE A DIG AT U.S. AS IT IS FOR US TO BE SPARED CRITICISM IN THE CRONICA'S EDITORIALS. PERHAPS, SOME LEFTIST PERUVIANS (AND/OR THE GOP IN ITS OFFICIAL LINE) REALIZE THAT LIMA'S RIOTS WERE ONE GOOSE WHICH THE CIA DID NOT COOK OR EVEN SPICE. IN ANY EVENT, IT APPEARS THAT MILGOV HAS PASSED WORD TO ITS OWN PAPER, LA CRONICA, TO LAY OFF CHARGES AGAINST CIA.

3. EL COMERCIO (LIMA'S LARGEST DAILY; RUN BY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) REPORTS ON RETURN TO NORMALCY, POLICE RECOVERY OF LOOTED GOODS AND THAT 65 DIED IN HOSPITALS AS A RESULT OF DISTURBANCES AND THAT OVER 300 WERE TREATED FOR BULLET WOUNDS. ON PAGE 4, AMBASSADOR'S COMMUNIQUE APPEARS, CAPTIONED CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR DEAN SAYS U.S. WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH PERU".

4. RADICAL EXPRESO HEADLINES COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MASS ORGANIZATIONS(PARA 3). ON INSIDE PAGES, IT ADMITS THAT CAPTURED "CIA AGENT" PORTAL (REF A) HAD SIMPLY VISITED EXPRESO LOOKING FOR A FRIEND. EXPRESO SAYS THAT IT MIXED UP PORTAL'S BIOGRAPHY WITH THAT OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTACKED NEWSPAPER. COLUMNIST FRANCISCO MONCLOA PERSISTS

ON BLAMING OUTSIDE FORCES FOR PERU'S TROUBLES NOTING THAT  
LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS PRESENT IN PERU PROVES  
THAT TROUBLE WAS EXPECTED. OTHER WRITERS HEAP THE BLAME FOR  
FEB. 5 ON APRA AND CIA SUGGESTING THE TWO GO TOGETHER LIKE  
A HORSE AND CARRIAGE. EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT APPEAR.

5. LA PRESNSA ALSO HEADLINES CREATION OF A POPULAR COMMITTEE  
TO DEFEND REVOLUTION. ON PAGE 2, EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE IS  
PUBLISHED, CAPTIONED "DEAN DENIES CIA INTERVENTION  
IN DISTURBANCES".  
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